

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please amend paragraph [0063], at page 29, as follows:

[0063] Next, a-eases case where the feature quantity is the effective value is described. In this case, the feature quantity calculating section 13 calculates an effective value, i.e., a root-mean-square (RMS) value, of each band spectrum received, and outputs the calculated effective value as a feature quantity. By obtaining the effective value as the feature quantity, it is made possible to readily calculate the feature quantity which enables the audio signal to become sufficiently distinguishable from another audio signal.

Please amend paragraph [0113], at page 55, as follows:

[0113] Note that the feature quantity database 216 illustrated in FIG. 21 previously stores the music title, music ID and feature quantity contained in the above timer recording information. Accordingly, when the timer recording information acquiring apparatus 214 acquires the timer recording information, the music title, the music-ID ID, and the feature quantity may be acquired from the feature quantity database 216.